(d) The Government has asked the naxal affected States to intensify anti-naxalite operations keeping the door for peace dialogue with naxal groups open.

Review of Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act, 1958

2374. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Committee constituted to review the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act, 1958, now in force in NE States has come to the conclusion that people of the NE want the Act be repealed;

(b) whether most of the depositions before the Committee underlined the attempt of Government to legitimize the human rights violations committed by armed forces personnel under the garb of the Act; and

(c) whether Government are committed to go by the recommendations of the Committee when submitted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) to (c) The Committee constituted to review the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act, 1958 on 19.11.2004 is still in the process of ascertaining views of the cross sections of the society, stake holders, different parties, organizations and non-governmental organizations. The Review Committee is expected to submit its recommendations within a period of six months. After the report is received, Government will give it due consideration and take decision.

Meeting of inter-State Co-ordination Committee

†2375. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a meeting of the inter-State Co-ordination Committee was held recently;

(b) if so, the suggestions received to check crimes in the National Capital Territory; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government to implement these suggestions and by when these suggestions are likely to be implemented?

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.